

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Kirkpatrick Church

Sunday, December 19, 2021

9:30am

Preservice Music

Greeting & Announcements

Preparation for Worship: Please read Psalm 80:1-7

Preparation Music

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Gathering Songs:

Joy to the World

Traditional

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen/We Three Kings

Arranged by BNL

Prayer of Confession

Silent Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

A Time for Children

Offertory

Ministry of Music

Scripture Readings: Odes of Solomon, 18 & 19

Sermon

Prayers of the People

Hymn of Response: The First Noel

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing

Prayer after Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Sending Hymn: O Come All Ye Faithful

Benediction

Post Service Music

If there are any pastoral emergencies, please contact Karen Shipman or Linda Hults.

Announcements

Welcome back Pastor Amy Sandlin.

Join us on **December 24th at 5:30 pm** for the KMPC Christmas Eve service: **“A Service of Nine Readings and Carols”**. Based on the still popular service begun in 1880, the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols tells the story of the promise of a Messiah and birth of Jesus through a series of nine short scripture readings and congregational singing of carols, with music from our The Bells of Kirkpatrick and Worship Band. All are welcome to attend the service in the sanctuary (following our current COVID protocol of masks and social distancing) or via Zoom (have your candles ready at home).

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:5)

As night fell on December 10, a horrific line of powerful tornadoes ripped across several states, ending the lives of more than 100 people and wreaking devastation across many communities by the time morning had broken. One of these tornadoes was on the ground for a terrifying and unprecedented 250 miles, more than 200 of those miles in Kentucky alone, where the town of Mayfield saw the catastrophic destruction of much of the downtown area, including the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches.

It is the season of Advent — a time of watchful expectation that begins with a warning of impending judgment, the end of days, and continues with a prayerful journeying toward the birth of the Christ Child at Christmas, an ordinary babe dependent on the love and care of others for his survival.

In the wake of these terrible and catastrophic storms, it is the role of ordinary people of faith like us to shine as light in this bleakest of winters. We are called to be the hands and feet of God as we reach out to shelter, feed, care for and help rebuild the lives of those who have lost loved ones, homes, work and a sense of safety as a result of the tornadoes. We are invited to stand with them — and to stand together — bearing witness by our gifts and prayers that God is indeed incarnate among us, no matter what.

The needs for the response will be great. God’s people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray. Gifts can be made online at pcusa.org/DT21 or by phone at (800) 872-3283. You can also text PDA to 41444 to donate. ~from *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance*.

Our next Grocery Giveaway is Saturday, January 22nd from 11am-12noon in our parking lot and at Lambertville School parking lot, 200 N Main St, Lambertville, NJ 08530.

Updated Protocols for In-Person Worship (effective July 2021 as approved by Session)

- Masks must be worn properly while on church property (covering face and mouth, preferably double layer)
 - Maintain social distancing (minimum of 6 feet) – the roping off of pews has been removed
 - All attendees will sign in each week to maintain a record of attendance
 - Gathering Covenant to be filled out just once per attendee (parents will complete a Gathering Covenant for underage children)
 - The handicapped bathroom will be the only one available for use on Sundays. If you use the bathroom, please wipe it down with the Clorox wipes provided after use.
 - Please arrive no earlier than 9:15am
 - Bring your own communion elements
 - The nursery will be available for children. Please wipe down toys after use
- If you are showing symptoms of illness or have a temperature of over 100.4, please stay home out of concern and love for all.

Admin Schedule: Chris is in the office Monday and Wednesday mornings (9-1) and working remotely on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She is off on Fridays until January.

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